



# Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

ISSUE 1 14/02/2017

## Term Dates

30th Jan—31st March  
18th April—30th June  
17th July—22nd Sept  
9th October—22nd Dec

## For Your Diary

### FEBRUARY

#### Tuesday 21st

- Parents & Friends AGM  
2.30 pm Staffroom

#### Monday 27th

- Whole School P & F Meeting 10 am Smythesdale

#### Tuesday 28th

- Parent/Teacher Information Session 2—6 pm

### MARCH

#### Friday 17th

- Clean Up Day

#### Wednesday 1st

- Life Ed Van

#### Wednesday 22nd

- Sports Day—Linton

Campus Head: Kaylene Trigg  
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## Office Hours

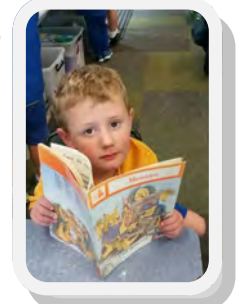
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## WELCOME

On behalf of the Smythesdale campus staff I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families to the 2017 school year. We have had a great start to the year and the staff are extremely pleased with the way all the students have settled in and the attitude they have shown to their learning. Along



with our four Foundation students; Shara, Shakayla, Thomas and Kyson we also welcome two new students to our senior class, Amy and Olivia. We hope that all these students along with their families enjoy their time at Woody. We have 53 students at our campus this year, 19 in the junior classroom (Foundation/1/2), 16 in the middle (3/4) and 18 in seniors (5/6). We encourage parents and carers to talk with their children and discuss what is happening at school and if you or your children have any concerns please make an appointment to speak with your



child's teacher or myself.



## STAFFING

Smythesdale staff for 2017 are:

**Foundation/1/2**  
**Year 3/4**  
**Year 5/6**  
**Learning Support**

Deb Mayman (MON - THURS) and Janelle Francis (FRI)  
Ricky Whitcher  
Leanne Beeson - Canty  
Janelle Francis (MON)  
Lauris Allen (MON - FRI 11:30 - 3:30)  
Keryn Rhodes (MON)  
Gay Pearce (WED)  
Anna Strybosch (TUES)  
Kylie Carr  
Sharon Nunn (MON, TUES, THURS, FRI)  
Kaylene Trigg

**LOTE**  
**Science**  
**The Arts**  
**Integration**  
**Office Admin**  
**Campus Head**

## CAMPUS FOCUS

Last week at assembly we discussed our behavioural expectations. On the first day of school the students and teachers brainstormed how a number of behaviours would look at Smythesdale campus this year. During first term we are concentrating on the following areas;

**Movement around the campus** - Moving in an orderly and quiet manner

**Respect** - Showing respect for own, school and others property. Speaking respectfully and appropriately

**Consideration** - Considering others, "What affect will my actions have on others?"

**IMPORTANT**

Student Information  
Details are

**DUE  
TODAY**

The whole campus  
information cannot be  
updated until all are  
received back!

## REMINDER

CSEF Applications Close  
24th February

Life Ed Permission Form &  
Payment Due 22nd February

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## ICY POLES

We will be selling icy poles every day at the beginning of lunch for 50 cents each.



## SPORTS TRAINING

The Linton and District School sports will be held on **Wednesday, March 22nd** at Linton. Students in all grades will be practising for the sports each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am until 10 am. Please ensure students are wearing appropriate clothing and footwear on these days, eg. Shoes with buckles are not to be worn when high jumping as the buckles can get caught in the matting and cause holes.

## STUDENT LEADERS

At the end of last year our year 6 students had the opportunity to apply for campus captain and vice captain positions. This is a very rigorous process with students writing an application, presenting a speech to the whole campus, all students voting and finally being interviewed by the principal, assistant principal and current captains and vice captains. After this process the successful candidates were; **Captains-** Lilly H and Ziggy L, **Vice Captains -** Eliza H and Ryan V. During this week students in years 3 - 5 will have the opportunity to nominate as student leaders. Captains shirts and leadership badges will be presented at assembly when they arrive.

## LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education program forms an important part of our health curriculum. This is a fun interactive program that presents some very important messages to our students. The Life Education van will be visiting Smythesdale campus on Wednesday, March 1st. All classes will visit the van on this day. At 9 am there will be a parent information session available for any parents interested. If you would like to take the opportunity of visiting the van and learning about the programs offered then please let me know before the day.



## PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS

These will take place on **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** from 2:00 p.m. Interviews run between the hours of 2 - 6pm Parents are required to make bookings through our online booking system. Information is attached in today's newsletter with details about how to book an interview.

The purpose of these interviews is to give parents the opportunity to inform teachers about their child so as programs can be planned that aim to best serve their needs. Please remember that interviews are not progress reports but an opportunity to share valuable information about your child with the teacher. Each interview is scheduled for 10 minutes. Please keep to this time frame as taking longer impacts on other families. A student profile sheet has been distributed today and we ask that these be completed by parents and returned to school by Friday, February 24th, to allow teachers to review them before the interviews. We look forward to meeting with you all and strongly encourage bookings to be made early to avoid disappointment. The event code is **u8q5s**

## SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools brings together schools and sports to help get children active in their local communities. Sporting Schools is open to all Australian primary schools, and with quality programs developed by over 30 national sporting organisations, it offers a fun and supportive environment for children. Students have the opportunity to participate in tennis and athletics for term 1. Please see form distributed today for details to enrol.

## CLASSROOM / PARENT HELPERS

We welcome classroom helpers into our learning spaces to offer assistance for all of our students. If you would like to offer assistance an up-to-date Working with Children check is required. Please speak with your child's teacher to make arrangements to offer your assistance. Working with Children application forms can be accessed at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

## ASSEMBLY

A reminder to everyone that assemblies are held every Monday morning at 9am with our wonderful student leaders and senior students taking charge. All parents are welcome to attend.

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION??

Parent/Guardians are reminded to update their child's personal information regularly. For example:

- Has my address changed?
- Do I have the same phone number?
- Have our emergency contacts changed?
- Is there a change in living arrangements?
- Is there a medical condition the school needs to be aware of?

For example:

- asthma, allergies
- Is there an access restriction in place?

## HOT LUNCHES

A reminder that we offer students an opportunity to have food heated using our pie warmer on Monday and Wednesdays. Suitable foods can be sent along wrapped in foil and marked with your child's name. Our monitors collect the food in the mornings and have it returned at lunch time. A fridge is available for students to keep their drinks / salads / yoghurt etc. in. This is located in the open space and was purchased from P&F funds a few years ago. Students can place their own food in this fridge and collect it themselves. Shop lunches are available from "Tea Cup Capers" on Fridays. Orders will need to be placed in our lunch order containers before 9.30 a.m. Please write your child's name, grade and order onto an envelope and enclose your money. Lunches will be delivered to school at lunchtime. Sorry late orders cannot be accepted.

## LINTON DISTRICT SPORTS

The 2017 Linton and District sports will be held at the Linton Recreation Reserve on **Wednesday, March 22nd**. Should inclement weather arise, the backup day is Thursday, March 30th. This is a family event and we strongly encourage all families to come along and support the students. The details of the event are:

**Date:** Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 (Back up day Thursday, March 30th)

**Time:** Children to be there no later than 8.45 a.m.

**Cost:** \$8 per family

**Venue:** Linton Recreation Reserve (off Glenelg Highway)

**Clothing:** Wear yellow school polo shirt

**Travel:** Parents / Guardians are responsible for transporting students to and from Linton.

There will be a coffee van and canteen in operation on the day with food available however we encourage families to bring their own picnic lunch and enjoy it on the oval. A menu outlining food available will be published closer the event. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, has been set up by the government to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year will be paid for each child at primary school. Payments will go directly to the school. Parents who are eligible for this payment need to apply by completing the application form distributed last week along with a copy of their current health care card and return to school by **Friday, 24th February**.

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Conveyance allowance is paid to families who have to travel more than 4.8 kms to their nearest school or campus. This distance is calculated using Bing maps. If you think you may qualify for this allowance please contact Sharon in the office to check your eligibility and receive the form.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Last week, all families received student information that is currently on record. It is vitally important that we have the most up to date information, particularly in regard to medical conditions and contact phone numbers in case of an emergency. This information is due today. If you have not yet returned these forms please do so this week even if there are no changes.

## BOOKLISTS

Parents are reminded that booklists are to be paid for by the end of this term, Friday, March 31st.

## VISITOR SIGN IN BOOK

If you are at the campus for anytime longer than dropping off or picking up children, eg: classroom help, P&F hot lunch, then as part of our OHS regulations you must sign the visitors book. Visitors books are located in the open space and at the main office.



## HATS/SUNSCREEN

As a SunSmart accredited school, all students are required to wear approved hats from the beginning of September until the end of April and when the UV index is above 3. Approved hats are the royal blue broad brimmed hats available from each office and cost is \$11.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents & Friends are a very important group in our school. These people work hard to raise funds so that all students at Smythesdale can have the best learning and playing environment. Parents and Friends are always looking for new people to help out, it is a great way of getting to know new people whilst helping your child's school. The AGM for Smythesdale will take place next **Tuesday, February 21st at 2:30 pm**. We strongly encourage you to think about helping out as nowhere is the saying, "Many hands make light work" more apt.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a vital group in the organisation of a school. At Woody Yaloak we value greatly the input we receive from parents and appreciate the work that they undertake at all of our campuses. Vacancies for 2017 exist on School Council and it is important that Smythesdale campus have representation. If you would like to represent Smythesdale campus please see me this week.

## SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

On Friday, March 17th our campus will be participating in Schools Clean Up Day 2017. We will be focussing our clean up within the school grounds. We may also do some general tidying of the campus gardens, such as weeding, pruning and raking. Please ensure that your child wears suitable footwear on this day. Parents are most welcome to attend and help out. The clean up day will run from 1.30 am—1 pm.

## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY (FRIDAY 3rd MARCH)

On the first Friday of each month, our campus has a casual clothes day with money raised being directed to various charities and our student leadership teams. Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and to bring a gold coin donation on this day. Casual clothes day will be Friday, 3rd March.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

We have been notified that a student at our campus has contracted a strain of influenza and is currently in hospital. Parents are asked to seek medical advice if their children show or develop any symptoms of influenza.

## PAYMENT ENVELOPES

Payment envelopes have been distributed to families today with the newsletter. Please use these envelopes when paying for activities/accounts. We ask parents to **please place correct money in the envelope and to attach activity permission form/s to the envelope. Please do not insert permission forms into the envelope.** As the school does not keep cash on the premises, we require the correct money when parents are paying for various activities etc. at school. Sometimes this is unavoidable and we understand that if this happens, then any funds owing will be credited to your school account. If a considerable refund is required then we will make every effort to ensure funds are returned as soon as possible. We also ask that you please keep P & F money separate to excursion/account money. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## BPAY

We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your family accounts. BPAY makes it easy, once it is set up the money is deposited directly into your family account and allocated to costs. Any overpayment is held as credit and will be used to pay for excursions or other costs which may arise throughout the year.

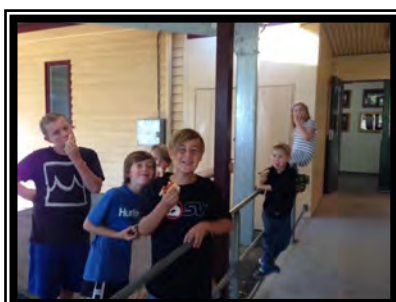
## TIQBIZ

Our school app is available via the Apple App Store for iPhone users or Google Play Store for Android users. This app will provide many notifications of important dates and events for both our Smythesdale campus and the entire Woody Yaloak PS. Please use this app and have notifications turned on to ensure you are kept up to date with all happenings. Additionally - if your child is sick you can fill out an absence notification that gets sent straight through to our office.



## WELCOME BBQ

Last Tuesday we held our Welcome BBQ which gave families the opportunity to meet and mingle with staff on an informal basis. Thank you to those families who attended. As a staff we value any input from families and as such we would like to offer you the opportunity to let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions on ways we



can improve this or change to a better alternative. We realise that people are very busy and many things impact on your ability to attend evenings such as this. Please feel free to share your ideas with me as this is your school and we want to make it a great environment for you and your children.



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## FOUNDATION / ONE / TWO OCCUPATIONS

When I grow up I want to be a pet seller.



When I grow up I want to be a vet.



When I grow up I want to be a car racing driver.



When I grow up I want to be a robot.



When I grow up I want to be a singer.



When I grow up I want to be a monster truck driver.



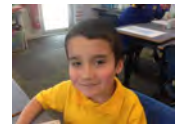
When I grow up I want to be a dancer.



When I grow up I want to be a monster truck driver.



When I grow up I want to be a jet plane pilot.



When I grow up I want to be a surgeon because you can fix people.



When I grow up I want to be a Ninja.



When I grow up I want to be a policeman.



When I grow up I want to be a robot technician.



When I grow up I want to be a builder because I like building.



When I grow up I want to be a policeman.



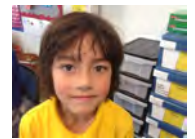
When I grow up I want to be a doctor.



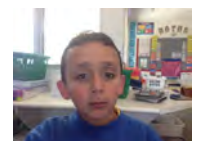
When I grow up I want to sell pets because I like animals.



When I grow up I want to be a robot technician because I like building robots and I want to build them out of wood.



When I grow up I want to be a game developer and make games for the PS4.



## NOTICEBOARD

# SMYTHESDALE TRIVIA NIGHT!! COMMUNITY EVENT

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**  
**7PM**

SMYTHESDALE RECREATION FACILITY

55 HEALES ST SMYTHESDALE

Hosted by the Rec Facility Committee of Management

Presenting your Trivia host **Greg Whelan.**

WIN prizes, memorabilia, auctions!!

Tables of 8 @ \$120 (or \$15 per person)

Book with Alan at the Smythesdale Post Office on 0419 929 179.

BYO drinks and nibbles.

Come and enjoy some fun in Smythesdale !



**Hey Kids**

***“It’s Time to Get Back to Blue Light”***

***This is an invitation for all Ballarat & District Primary School Pupils to attend Ballarat’s first Blue Light Disco for 2017.***

***This year Ballarat Blue Light has plenty of exciting prizes to local attractions to give away.***

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February; 7PM to 9PM**  
**Sebastopol RSL Hall: Beverin Street, Sebastopol.**

**Entry \$7 Per Person**

This Blue Light Activity is Drug, Alcohol and Weapon Free.  
It’s fully supervised and there are No Pass Outs. Canteen Available.  
**All** Children **must** be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.

Enquiries – Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson 0409 865 093  
You can also like us on Facebook, Snap Chat & Instagram.

**We can’t wait to see you there.**

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